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Helpers Among Us - Patti Reilly wants your children's clothes

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Patti Reilly in her children's boutique Jules. WINCHESTER NEWS STAFF PHOTO/JOYCE WESTNER

Although Patti Reilly opened her boutique, Jules, about a year and a half ago, she's already discovered the generosity of Winchester reside

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That's why she and her husband, John, decided to offer a 10% discount on one item to anyone who brings in "gently used children's clothing."

Reilly intends to donate the clothes to Cradles to Crayons, an organization whose mission is to make sure "disadvantaged children" have appropriate clothing as they grow.

Why Cradles to Crayons? Reilly had a connection to them when her children were little. She and John adopted two kids from Russia. A few years later, they were able to adopt a newborn from the Commonwealth's Department of Children and Families (DCF), which she says is like "winning the lottery."

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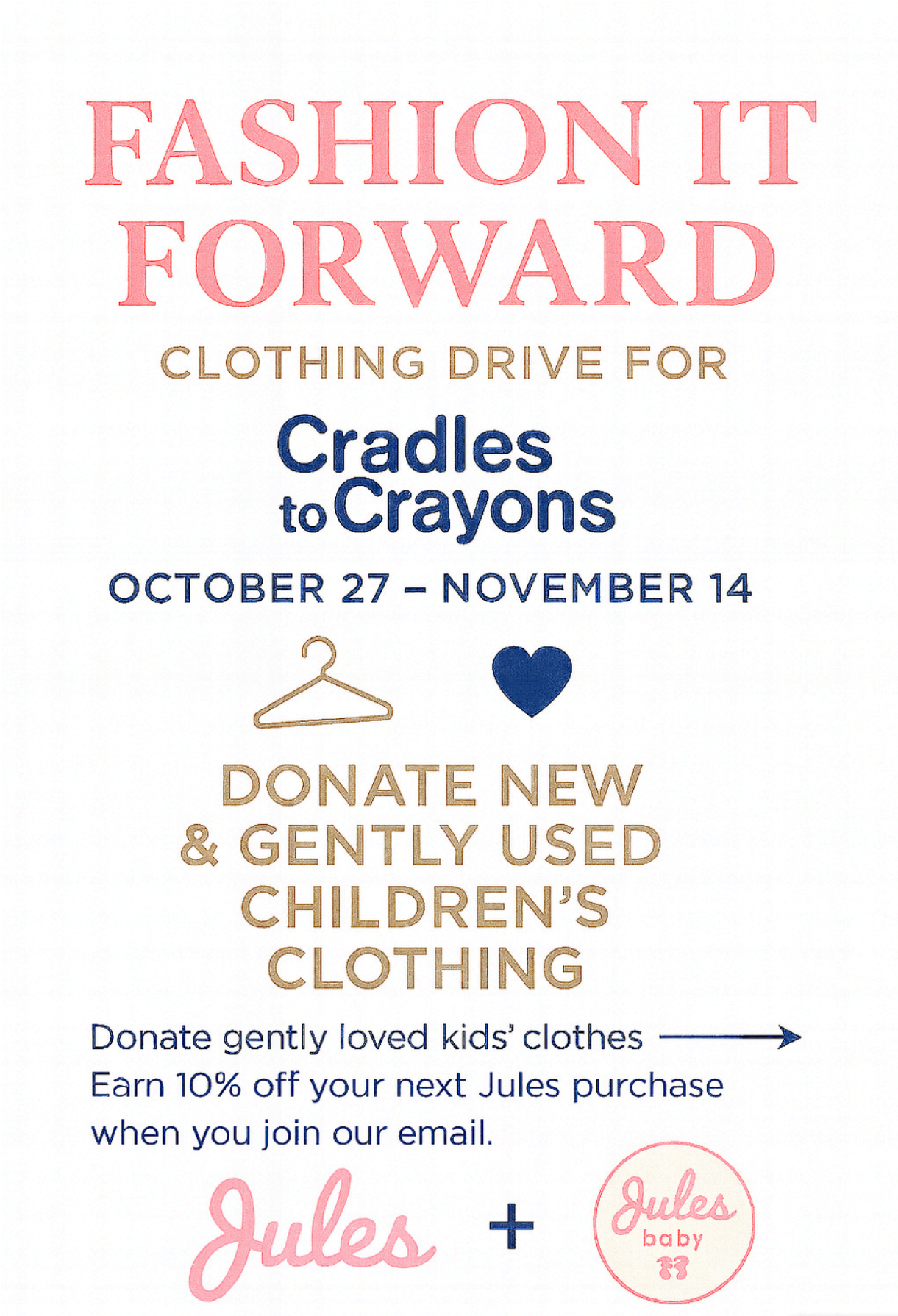
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The kids are now in their 20s, but back then, according to Reilly, DCF had a relationship with Cradles to Crayons and offered her children's clothes for her young family.

"We didn't need them and I suggested DCF give them to other families," she says.

Now it's pay it forward time. Thus, the donation drive.

"We started accepting donations on Monday and have already been given some," Reilly says. "We'll be taking them until Nov. 14. We're hoping it's going to be good."

Items can be brought to her women's clothing store at 3 Thompson St., or the children's boutique at 560 Main St.

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Helpers Among Us - Alisa Dong needs your help with Thanksgiving food drive

Standish Lane resident Alisa Dong has only lived in town for about four years, but she's already immersed in helping people. And she wants residents to help her provide Thanksgiving Day meals for local food-insecure residents. A member of the town's Family Action Network (FAN), Dong is its

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Austin Whitman has the ur of serving on a non-existent committee. "I ran into I-Ching Scott [former

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Planning Board member] who introduced me to David Miller, who was on the Conservation Committee," he says. "Miller told me that the Permanent Street Tree Committee had gone dormant." Still, Whitman

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'Chicago: Teen Edition' dances onto the Winchester High School stage

By Talia Ho | Correspondent Fame. Fortune. And all that jazz. This spring, Winchester High School presents "Chicago: Teen Edition," a bold musical that explores celebrity culture, media manipulation, and the cost of ambition. Set in the 1920s, this iconic production is sure to leave the audience wanting more. Performances will

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The following was submitted by the Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church: On Friday, March 13, beginning at 7:30 p.m., live in-person and live streamed from the stunning Ripley Chapel at First Congregational Church, Winchester, 21 Church St., join in with Syldason, a duo concert featuring Sylvie Zakarian,

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Winchester gun owners face new training rules starting April 2

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